

CLAIMS

Claim 1. A kit for making rubbings comprises:

a rubbing board;

at least one marker; and

at least one rubbing object;

said rubbing board includes a cover having first and second surfaces, wherein said first surface is a work surface for supporting said at least one rubbing object when making a rubbing; and

said at least one rubbing object comprises a front surface with a bas relief pattern.

Claim 2. The kit of claim 1, wherein said rubbing board comprises a depression having a sidewall extending around a perimeter of the depression, wherein the work surface is positioned within the depression and the sidewall of the depression extends beyond the work surface.

Claim 3. The kit of claim 1, wherein said at least one rubbing object further comprises a back surface which forms a frictional engagement with said first surface of the cover.

Claim 4. The kit of claim 1, wherein said rubbing board includes a paper storage area.

Claim 5. The kit of claim 4, wherein said rubbing board further comprises top and bottom portions; and

said paper storage area comprises a third recess disposed on the bottom portion.

Claim 6. The kit of claim 5, wherein said top portion of the rubbing board is pivotally attached to the bottom portion by a first hinge, and the top and bottom portions rotate between opened and closed configurations; when said rubbing board is in the opened configuration the paper storage area is opened and accessible to a user; and when said rubbing board is in the closed configuration, the paper storage area is covered by the top portion.

Claim 7. The kit of claim 6, wherein said rubbing board further comprises a closure fastener for releasably securing the top and bottom portions in the closed configuration.

Claim 8. The kit of claim 7, wherein the closure fastener comprises a first latching part disposed on one of the top and bottom portions and a second latching part on the other of said top and bottom portions, said first latching part snap fits into the second latching part when the closure fastener is engaged.

Claim 9. The kit of claim 1, wherein said rubbing board further comprises a marker holder for storing the at least one marker when not in use.

Claim 10. The kit of claim 9, wherein said marker holder comprises at least one first recess.

Claim 11. The kit of claim 10, further comprising means for releasably retaining the at least one marker in the at least one first recess.

Claim 12. The kit of claim 11, wherein said means for releasably retaining the at least one marker in the at least one first recess comprises a plurality of projections on an interior wall of said at least one first recess, and a lip on said at least one marker; wherein said projections engage the lip when said marker is fully inserted into the at least one first recess.

Claim 13. The kit of claim 1, wherein said rubbing board further comprises a tray having a rubbing object holder.

Claim 14. The kit of claim 13, wherein said rubbing object holder comprises at least one second recess.

Claim 15. The kit of claim 14, further comprising a second hinge pivotally attaching the cover to the tray, the cover being moveable between raised and lowered positions on the tray, wherein when the cover is in a lowered position, said at least one second recess is substantially closed by the cover.

Claim 16. The kit of claim 1, wherein said marker comprises a writing element and an element holder.

Claim 17. The kit of claim 16, wherein the writing element is a crayon having a free end for rubbing and an attached end secured to the element holder.

Claim 18. The kit of claim 16, wherein said element holder comprises a body having a marker handle and a receptacle for receiving the writing element.

Claim 19. The kit of claim 18, wherein the receptacle comprises gripping means for securing the writing element within the receptacle.

Claim 20. The kit of claim 19, wherein the gripping means comprises at least one tooth extending into an interior of the receptacle and engaging the writing element.

Claim 21. The kit of claim 2, further comprising a second hinge pivotally adjoining the cover and the tray, and the cover further comprising raised and lowered positions, wherein in the lowered position the cover is substantially contained within the depression.

Claim 22. A kit for making rubbings by transferring an image from at least one pre-selected rubbing object onto a sheet of paper by a rubbing process, the kit comprises:

- a rubbing board;
- at least one marker;
- at least one rubbing object; and
- at least one sheet of paper;

said rubbing board includes a cover having first and second surfaces, wherein said first surface is a work surface for supporting said at least one rubbing object when making a rubbing; and

said at least one rubbing object comprises a front surface having a bas relief pattern.

Claim 23. The kit of claim 22, wherein said rubbing board comprises a depression having a sidewall extending around a perimeter of the depression, wherein the work surface is positioned within the depression and the sidewall of the depression extends beyond the work surface; and

wherein to make a rubbing the at least one rubbing object is placed on the first surface of the cover and one of said at least one sheets of paper is placed on top of the at least one rubbing object such that the paper is contained within the depression and the sidewall extends around edges of the paper.

Claim 24. The kit of claim 22, wherein each of said at least one rubbing objects further comprises a back surface which forms a frictional engagement with said first surface of the cover to inhibit sideways movement of the rubbing object on the cover.

Claim 25. The kit of claim 22, wherein said rubbing board includes a paper storage area in which the paper is stored when not in use.

Claim 26. The kit of claim 25, wherein said rubbing board further comprises top and bottom portions, and said paper storage area comprises a third recess disposed on the bottom portion.

Claim 27. The kit of claim 26, wherein said top and bottom portions of the rubbing board are pivotally attached by a first hinge, and the rubbing board includes opened and closed configurations; when said rubbing board is in the opened configuration, the top and bottom portions extend angularly away from each other and the third recess is exposed, when said rubbing board is in the closed configuration, the top and bottom portions extend adjacently to each other and the third recess is covered by the top portion.

Claim 28. The kit of claim 27, further comprising a closure fastener to releasably secure said top and bottom portions in the closed configuration.

Claim 29. A kit for making rubbings by transferring an image of at least one pre-selected rubbing objects onto a sheet of paper by a rubbing process, the kit comprises:

a rubbing board;

at least one marker; and

at least one rubbing object;

said rubbing board includes top and bottom portions pivotally attached by a first hinge to rotate between opened and closed configurations;

said top portion comprises a tray, a cover and a closure fastener for releasably securing the top and bottom portions in the closed configuration;

said bottom portion comprises upper and lower surfaces and a third recess for storing paper;

said closure fastener comprises a first latching part on one of said top and bottom portions and a second latching part on the other of said top and bottom portions, wherein said first latching part snap fits into said second latching part to engage the closure fastener and releasably secure the top and bottom portions together in the closed configuration;

wherein when said rubbing board is in the closed configuration, the top and bottom portions extend generally adjacent to each other, said top portion substantially covers the third recess in the bottom portion, and said closure fastener is engaged; and when said rubbing board is in the opened configuration, said top and bottom portions extend away from each other, said closure fastener is not engaged and the third recess is exposed;

said tray includes at least one first recess for storing the at least one marker and at least one second recess for storing the at least one rubbing object;

said depression having a sidewall extending around a perimeter thereof;

said rubbing board further comprises a second hinge pivotally adjoining the cover and the tray;

said cover is a planar member comprising a work surface and a second surface, and is moveable between raised and lowered positions on the tray;

wherein when the cover is in the lowered position the cover is located within the depression and is adjacent to the at least one second recess, the cover closes the at least one second recess and the sidewall of the depression extends around the cover; and when

the cover is in the raised position the cover extends angularly outwardly from the tray and the at least one second recess is open;

said top portion further includes at least one protrusion for releasably securing the cover in the lower position, wherein said at least one protrusion is disposed on the sidewall of the depression and extends outwardly over an edge of the cover when the cover is in the lowered position;

a handle comprises a top part disposed on said top portion and a bottom part disposed on said bottom portion;

said marker comprises a writing element and an element holder, said element holder including a receptacle for receiving the writing element, a body and a marker handle; said receptacle having at least one tooth for releasably securing the writing element therein;

said writing element comprises a crayon with an attached end and a free end, wherein the attached end is secured within the receptacle of the element holder by gripping means;

means for releasably retaining the marker in the first recess comprise at least one resilient projection and a lip, wherein said at least one resilient projection is disposed in the first recess, said lip extends outwardly from the body of said element holder, and said at least one resilient projection engages said lip when the marker is fully inserted into the at least one recess;

said at least one rubbing object comprises front and back surfaces;

said front surface of said at least one rubbing object includes a bas relief pattern;

said back surface of the at least one rubbing object is soft plastic and forms a frictional engagement with the work surface of the cover to inhibit sideways movement of the rubbing object on the cover;

wherein to make a rubbing the at least one rubbing object is arranged on the cover with the back surface frictionally engaging the work surface of the cover and the front surface facing away from the cover; a sheet of paper is placed over the cover with the paper resting on the rubbing object and being contained within the sidewall of the depression; the free end of the crayon is positioned adjacent to the paper; pressing the crayon onto the paper the marker is moved back and forth across the paper with the rubbing object underneath, thereby creating a rubbed image of the bas relief pattern on the paper.